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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Murphy Commission

1. I think it would be useful to set up a fairly formal procedure for dealing with Murphy Commission interviews. We have a first official request from Bill Bacchus, who is heading the non-intelligence research study program, for interviews. I would like to set out a suggested way of handling this and try to follow it in other cases, if it proves successful.

2. The test case is as follows: Phillip Oldenberg, Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois, is involved in the South Asia study portion of the research paper on Decision Making in Complex Situations. Next Wednesday or Thursday he would like to discuss the following topics (back-up paper work is being provided by Bacchus):

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3. His purpose is to determine whether policy makers received relevant intelligence on these issues. Mr. Oldenberg has no security clearances and nothing but a simple State Department name check. State's Office of Security has granted him and the other researchers access to classified information up through SECRET on a "need to know" basis. There is an explicit understanding that the use of such information will not include the citation of materials or individuals. I need guidance on whether our office of Security could accept such an arrangement. I doubt it, however, because of such caveats as NOFORN, BUO, etc. I frankly can't imagine how Mr. Oldenberg can discuss the topics listed above on an unclassified basis, but I guess we have to try before we complain.

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4. I suggest that I contact the appropriate office heads in the DDI (Messrs. Lehman, Knoche, Ernst, and Lapham) and request that they get the appropriate bodies together for a group interview. Each of the people involved should read our background data on the Murphy Commission. I think it very important that a senior representative from at least one of the offices concerned sit in on the discussion to keep a rein on what is and is not proper. It might be best for you personally to brief this "monitor" as to Mr. Colby's more personal and specific guidance on dealing with the Commission. In addition, someone at the meeting should be appointed rapporteur to send us a Memo for the Record on just what was said.

5. If this procedure is satisfactory, I'll get started at once. We should also use it for the request by Alex George to interview people in OMS who deal with stress analysis. It is my opinion (and hope) that most of the discussion on the non-intelligence research papers can be handled within the DDI, and that we should make every effort to protect DDO personnel (with all of the attendant cover problems) from any non-essential involvement.

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